



The T.O.S. Village News

(The Theosophical Order of Service)

28 February 2014

Coming Events

- * **Movie at Somerville Outdoor Cinema UWA - The Dark Side** - Saturday 1 Mar 14. Bring a picnic.
- * **TOS Talk: The Feldenkrais Method** by Kim Deegan. Tuesday 11 Mar 14 - Theosophical Society, 21 Glendower St, Perth. FREE event.
- * **TS Easter Seminar** - 20 & 21 April, Ed Abdill presents "Foundations of the Ancient Wisdom" at the TS hall, 21 Glendower St. FREE event.
We will send an email prior to the event giving details.

Welcome to the Village

In a recent newsletter we looked at the three attributes of a loving Father. They were Being there, Unconditional Love and acceptance of how special your child is. In fact these attributes are the attributes of a loving human. We can all strive to achieve this state. The trickiest attribute is Unconditional Love. What is it? It must be more than a feeling because feelings are secret and I know my feelings, but I don't know your feelings. Unconditional Love must be demonstrated through words and actions.

I turned to one of my favourite authors Erich Fromm for help. In 1957 Erich wrote "The Art of Loving". This book is a classic that holds true now, as it was in 1957 and will be in 2057. Erich states love is a skill not a feeling. And like all skills we must practise and learn to master the art.

Erich states all forms of love have four common attributes. The attributes are **Care, Responsibility, Respect and Knowledge**.

He defines **Care** as "Love is the active concerns for the life and growth of that which we love".

Responsibility is not a duty but a voluntary act; it is my response to the needs, expressed and unexpressed to another human being. Responsibility could easily deteriorate into domination and possessiveness were it not for Respect.

Respect is the ability to see a person as a unique individual. This means allowing the person to grow and unfold as they wish. Respect means the person is not exploited and used to serve me. Respect is not possible without knowing the person.

Knowledge is possible when I transcend the concerns for myself and see the other person in their own terms. For instance, a person is angry, if I know them more deeply, I will know that they are anxious, worried, lonely or embarrassed. I will know that they are suffering.

When Unconditional Love is considered in these terms it definitely a skill. As with any new skill we need to practise, sometimes getting it right and sometimes getting it wrong. After many years of practise, the skill becomes second nature and we become Masters. Shall we all strive to be Masters of Unconditional Love? I am sure our efforts will bear fruit and improve our own lives and the lives of the people we meet each day.

♥ Best wishes

Rhonda Phillips,
TOS Chairperson tosperth@gmail.com

PS 1. There is an update on the Philippines Emergency appeal at the end of the newsletter.

PS 2. We, the Perth TOS, now have our own page on the National TOS web site at <http://australia.theoservice.org/> Go to the drop down menu at 'Australian Groups'.

The Meeting Place



Kim Deegan

The Feldenkrais Method

A TOS fund raising night - 11 March 2014 - Please join the TOS for our delicious snacks and light supper for \$7 at 6:30 pm and to check out the raffle basket and other items for sale. The Feldenkrais Method is a somatic method of education which develops, refines and improves the way in which we function. By attending to different parts of ourselves, while following novel movement sequences in a slow and gentle way, our nervous systems make new connections in our brains, effecting changes and giving us more options at a physical, mental and emotional level. There will be a demonstration of this technique and all are invited to join in, while seated on chairs.

TOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

I _____ (first name) _____ (Surname)
wish to join the Theosophical Order of Service – Western Australian Incorporated.

My address: _____

My email: _____ @ _____

My Phone number: _____

Annual Membership Fee: \$5.00

Cheque to: "The Theosophical Order of Service"
Mail to: TOS, C/- 21 Glendower St, Perth, 6000

Or

EFT \$5.00 in to the TOS Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633-000 Account: 116559105
Reference: Your full name

And send an email to tosperth@gmail.com.au advising of the deposit including your name, address and phone number.

The Link of Hearts Healing Meditation

Anne Bower is coordinating a team of Meditators who will provide long distance healing to people on our TOS healing list. The person's name will remain on the list for one month and during that time the team will regularly send healing energy. Contact Anne on tosperth@gmail.com or 0408 784 443



Perth TOS members at the Sydney Convention Jan 2014

Shirley Martin, Carole-Ann Webster, George Wester, Jean Carroll (National TOS Coordinator), Viv Ward, Anne Bower



The Theosophical Order of Service - WA Inc.

We are a humanitarian service group who work to help others, near and far, and in the process transform ourselves.

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New members are welcome, however it is not necessary to be a member to attend our functions.

You are welcome.

Due to International generosity, the Philippines Emergency relief does not require further donations at this time. The Philippines TS & TOS have sufficient donations, which are within their capacity to effectively manage and distribute.



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20 November 2013

Ms Anne Bower
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Dear Anne

Thank you very much for your group's generous donation of \$1,000 to the TOS Philippines Emergency Appeal. A receipt is enclosed.

The super typhoon in the Philippines killed well over 10,000 Filipinos. Our hearts go out to the Filipino community and we are thankful that Rosel Doval Santos, Vic Hao Chin and their TOS and TS team in the Philippines have a strong record of effective long term action and can be trusted to ensure that every penny of our donations will be used for the relief work. The TOS team on the ground is doing a sterling job organising and delivering emergency relief through members close to the areas affected. It is our privilege to be in a position to support our sisters and brothers in that country.

Please pass on to the members of your Perth TOS Group my sincere thanks and those of Jean Carroll, our National TOS Coordinator, for your generosity of spirit. Your donation will not only help supply material needs but will also affirm to Filipinos that Australians care about their plight.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Carolyn Harrod



The Theosophical Society and Theosophical Order of Service shipped several waves of relief goods (food, clothing and construction materials) to Carles and Sara of northern Iloilo province. The goods were loaded in four dump trucks provided by provincial government.

Because of the national focus on Samar and Leyte, little aid reached Carles and surrounding towns.



To all those who donated and helped in the gathering and distribution of the relief goods, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your concern and action to help victims of super typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda).

We would like to particularly express our deep thanks to foreign donors who spontaneously sent funds through the Theosophical Order of Service Philippines.